

Finance and Administration Cabinet Newsletter
April 11, 2013

Corey Kline announced as Executive Branch Liaison for One-Stop Portal Expansion Project

Secretary Lori Flanery has tapped Corey Kline, legislative liaison for Finance, to also be the Executive Branch Liaison for the One-Stop Portal expansion project.

"I know Corey's professionalism and grasp of key issues will be a tremendous asset to the team as more resources and services are added to the One-Stop Portal," said Secretary Flanery.

Corey joined state government in July 2008 after completing her degree in Political Science at the University of Kentucky. She has worked on several large scale special projects for the Finance and Administration Cabinet including Gov. Beshear's Smart Government Initiative and tax amnesty.



She was the cabinet's representative on the initial One-Stop Portal Advisory Committee established by SB8 in 2011 to provide guidance for creating and implementing the business one-stop portal. Currently, as the Finance and Administration

Cabinet's legislative liaison, Corey works closely with the Finance management team and legislators on issues that impact the cabinet. She will continue her duties as legislative liaison.

The Portal was established by the General Assembly in 2010 to provide a single, unified point of entry for business owners and their delegates. The Secretary of State, Finance and Economic Development Cabinets and the Commonwealth Office of Technology are working to improve and expand the Portal to facilitate greater access to state agencies and programs. The portal already has been an important resource for businesses and this expansion will allow citizens easier access to resources, tools and answers from agencies throughout state government.

Please join Secretary Flanery in congratulating Corey on her expanded role in our Cabinet.

Finance Cabinet Employees Recognized for their Cost Saving Ideas

Ronald Johnson, Revenue Section Supervisor, found he could order Hewlett Packard ink cartridges from Databazaar and save a substantial amount of money. The state master agreement is with Cardinal Office Supply. Procurement Services contacted Cardinal Office Supply and advised them of the prices from Databazaar. Cardinal Office Supply in turn lowered the price of the cartridges below the online price from Databazaar at that time, again making the better deal Cardinal Office Supply. By letting us know there was a lower price available, we were able to get Cardinal to lower their price contract. This was a first years savings of \$5,248 for the Cabinet, so Ronald received \$525.00

Rebecca Bibro, Resource Management Analyst III, KHEAA, noticed that when students/borrowers submitted applications for loans, KHEAA was being billed each time they applied, even if there were no changes to their application. Rebecca contacted the partner company and they came to an agreement to only bill KHEAA up to two times within the same calendar month. The first years savings was \$5,304. Her award was \$530.00.

Chris Wallace, Geoprocessing Specialist III, Unmined Minerals Branch, Department of Revenue, received an intangible award of \$100.00, as man-hours cannot be

counted unless a position is abolished. Chris successfully suggested a change in the branch's assessment procedure that saves the Department of Revenue printing and ink costs. Maps were being printed for review even when no changes were needed. By only printing the maps when edited changes were to be made, Chris was able to save the branch the cost of man hours, paper, and ink. The suggestion has been refined even more, and now the majority of changes are done by computer, so that printing costs are reduced further.

Kyle Witten is an Accountant IV in the Department of Revenue's Individual Branch of the Division of Collections.

Kyle's two suggestions eliminated several monitoring states and accelerated the collection activity for wage and bank levies. Implementation of his suggestions has reduced duplication of effort by collectors and hastened the deposit of tax dollars to the Commonwealth. He received two awards of \$100.00 each.



Know a way to make your office or agency more efficient? Share it! Submit your idea through the Kentucky Employee Suggestion System. You may earn a cash award!

Closing Schedule for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 is Set

In accordance with KRS 45.229(2), the Finance and Administration Cabinet is legally required to close the old year accounts within 30 days of June 30. The schedule of closing procedures for fiscal year 2013 can be found online at http://finance.kv.gov/services/statewideacct/Documents/ClosingMemoFY2013.pdf.

It includes deadlines for final eMARS document approvals that apply to accounting, purchasing, budgeting, and personnel matters.

Also, please note that goods must be received by June 30. This year June 30 is a Sunday, so goods will need to be received by Friday, June 28 in order to be paid with FY13 funds.

Recycle/Reuse

The Div. of Surplus Properties held its second spot bid sale of the year on April 10. Hundreds of corkscrews, knives and other abandoned property through the TSA were sold. Other state surplus items for sale included miscellaneous office equipment and supplies, lab equipment, assorted vehicles--both runners and non-runners—and more. Total gross sales were \$27,327. As the saying goes, "another man's trash is another man's treasure!"

Dell's "Double your Discount" Available for State Employees

April is here and with it come spring and Dell's "Double your Discount" promotions for Kentucky state employees!

Double your discount on <u>systems</u> runs through 4/30/13. The standard discount for Kentucky will be automatically doubled on systems purchased via <u>www.dell.com/mpp/kentucky</u> or by calling 888-243-9964 and mentioning SS18206974. No coupon is needed for systems.

Double your discount on <u>electronics and accessories</u> runs through 4/30/13 as well. Save 10% on Dell Electronics and Accessories using coupon code J7LDVZT3RL\$89R.

Lastly, Dell has \$50 off a Blackberry Z10 for Verizon Wireless with coupon code Z10SAVE50 with 2 year activation. This promotion also comes with a \$50 promotional e-gift card through 4/30.

All of these offers are redeemable on www.dell.com/mpp/kentucky, or by calling 888-243-9964 and mentioning Member ID SS18206974.

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